

Statement Made by The Most Reverend Derwyn T. Owen,
Primate of Canada, October 13, 1940, in Grace and
Holy Trinity Cathedral, During the "Service
of Intercession for the British
Commonwealth of
Nations."

"This war is the fight for human freedom against another theory of life.

I believe the way of human freedom is the way of God for mankind.

"I know you will join with me in paying tribute to the beleaguered people of Britain, to the men, women and children, to those young airmen. I give you the words of Winston Churchill: 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.' "

Need for Sterner Life is Seen

Declaring there was need for a sterner way of life, he said:

"There has been a turning away from God, a putting on of flabbiness instead of strength, an indifference to unemployment and to the suffering of others. The very confusion and suffering in which the world finds itself as a result of turning away from God bears witness to the righteousness of God."

In the afternoon prayer service at the Cathedral, Archbishop Owen spoke briefly thanking Americans for "praying for our men, women and children."

"I want to ask you to pray for our leaders, for our soldiers, sailors and airmen, for those who are in danger. Think on the causes of this struggle. We believe a very great matter is at stake."

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION
FOR THE
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS
AND HER ALLIES AND FOR A
RIGHTEOUS PEACE

Under the Auspices of

THE BRITISH WAR RELIEF SOCIETY
INCORPORATED



Saint Luke's Church

Germantown Avenue above Coulter Street
Germantown



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1941—8:15 P. M.

THIS PROGRAM GIVEN
WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
WILLIAM MANN PRIZER DIVISION
OF DENNISON & SONS
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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Procession of Clergy, Choir and Colour Guard of the
British Legion

Hymn 445—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

APOSTLES' CREED LITANY

HYMN 433—"Once to Every Man and Nation"

ADDRESS—The Reverend Ernest C. Earp, D. D., S. T. D.
Rector, Church of The Redeemer, Bryn Mawr

OFFERTORY

"Land of Hope and Glory"—(Words will be found on
opposite page)

Hymn 428—"God Bless Our Native Land"

The offering will be for
The British War Relief Society Incorporated

CLOSING PRAYERS

HYMN 436—"O God of Love, O King of Peace"
(To be sung kneeling)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 430—"God of Our Fathers"

POSTLUDE

LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY

Words by Arthur C. Benson

Music by Edward Elgar

I

Dear Land of hope, thy hope is crowned,
God make thee mightier yet!
On Sovran brows, belov'd, renown'd,
Once more thy crown is set.
Thine equal laws, by Freedom gained,
Have ruled thee well and Long;
By Freedom gained, by Truth maintain'd,
Thine Empire shall be strong.

Chorus

Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free,
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set;
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet,
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

II

Thy fame is ancient as the days,
As Ocean large and wide;
A pride that dares, and heeds not praise,
A stern and silent pride;
Not that false joy that dreams content
With what our sires have won;
The blood a hero sire hath spent
Still nerves a hero son.

Statement Made by Mr. C. Stevenson Newhall, Chairman
British War Relief Society, Incorporated
Eastern Pennsylvania Branch

When I was elected Chairman of the British War Relief Society, Inc., Eastern Pennsylvania Branch, I accepted the position with a feeling of humility and a great sense of responsibility. The more of the work I see, the more convinced I am that the public generally will support it provided they are fully and properly advised of its scope. We are now prepared to give this publicity and ask your full cooperation. Let me trace the wonderful expansion since January 1, 1941, none of which could have been accomplished unless I had obtained the full cooperation of all my associates, which cooperation I desire to gratefully acknowledge. Last January, the Eastern Penna. Branch occupied three rooms in the Lincoln-Liberty Building. Today, we have a suite of offices in the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, and warehouse space at 401 North Broad Street containing 8,500 square feet. The middle of this month we will move our store and wool shop to 1511 Walnut Street. All of this space has been loaned to us without any cost to the society, a truly remarkable evidence of generosity.

Our work is absolutely necessary to properly care for the civilians who, having been bombed out of house and home, are in dire need, which need, the British War Relief Society is able to furnish due to its ability to extend immediate aid.

Our best sources of revenue since the first of the year, have been the proceeds of various entertainments, the largest one held to date, having been the Gracie Fields Benefit at Convention Hall on March 14th, from which we realized over \$19,500. We are looking forward to having the "Lancashire Lass" with us in the early Fall, and I am sure she will receive a hearty wel-

come. The various groups—English, Scotch, Welsh, and Irish, and many others, born in this country, have done great work. The knitters have done splendidly and we are urging them to continue their work during the Summer months in order that shipments may go forward as "bottoms" are available.

During the month of April, we received from all sources and forwarded to New York over \$46,000. We are adding to our various Committees and are looking forward to increased activity from these sources.

Before closing, may I express my personal convictions as to the goal we should seek.

This work must be conceived and carried on in a religious spirit and, working toward that end, we are asking that many churches have special Services of Prayer and Intercession for the British Commonwealth of Nations and her Allies and for a Righteous Peace. It is only by keeping this thought in mind that we can really accomplish what we set out to do. We must not be like those men referred to in the parable of the Good Samaritan who took a look and "passed by on the other side," but let us emulate the Good Samaritan who did his part and did it well.

May I express my deep appreciation to Fr. Butterfield for his courtesy and cooperation in having this Service in the Mother Church of Germantown.

I trust each one of you may feel the British War Relief Society is carrying on its work in a practical and efficient manner in order that the people we set out to help may not only be temporarily assisted but may be permanently benefited by your efforts, and especially by the knowledge that they have "Friends across the water."

"May God arise and may his enemies be scattered." May we all receive a blessing from him for the work we are trying, in His name to accomplish.

PRAYERS THAT MAY BE SAID FOR BRITAIN

- "Thou, O Lord, art just and powerful: O defend their cause against the face of the enemy.
O God, thou art a strong tower of defense to all that flee unto thee: O save them from the violence of the enemy.
O Lord of hosts, fight for them, that they may glorify thee.
O suffer them not to sink under the weight of their sins, or the violence of the enemy.
O Lord arise, help them, and deliver them for thy Name's sake."

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O Lord God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech thee to look in compassion upon the nations now involved in war. Reckon not against them their many iniquities; pardon their offences; and especially their neglect and forgetfulness of thee. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Give strength to those who minister in hospital and camp, and hope to those who throughout the lands are in anxiety or sorrow. Finally, we beseech thee to dispose their hearts and the hearts of those with whom they are in conflict to moderation, to remove all the causes and occasions of war, and of thy great goodness to establish perpetual peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PRAYER
BEFORE THE ARMADA

"We do instantly beseech thee of thy gracious goodness, to be merciful to the Church militant here upon earth, and at this time compassed about with most strong and subtle adversaries. O, let thine enemies know that thou hast received England, which they most of all for thy Gospel's sake do malign, into thine own protection. Set a wall about it, O Lord, and evermore mightily defend it. Let it be a comfort to the afflicted, a help to the oppressed, and a defense of thy Church and people persecuted abroad. And, forasmuch as this cause is new in hand, direct and go before our armies both by sea and land. Bless them and prosper them, and grant unto them honourable success and victory. Thou art our help and shield. O, give good and prosperous success to all those that fight this battle against the enemies of thy Gospel."

Partial Text of Lord Halifax's Speech Spurning Nazi Peace
As Reprinted from the New York Times of July 23, 1940

The people of the United States did not build their new home in order to surrender it to this fanatic, Hitler. They have judged his narrow and twisted vision. They see that his gospel is a gospel of hate, that his policy is the policy of brute force, his message to mankind the enthrallment of the human spirit under ruthless tyranny.

We may take heart from the certain knowledge that that great people pray for our victory over this wicked man and his ways as fervently as any of his present victims. The foundations of their country, as of ours, have been Christian teaching and belief in God.

For this reason, I have no doubt that the King's broadcast last Christmas, when he spoke of putting our hand in the hand of God, went home to them as it did to us.

Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths, that is not his way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those, who humbly ask, the spirit that no dangers can disturb.

The Christian message to the world brings peace in war; peace where we most need it; peace of soul.

Prayers of All Are Asked

It is that same Christian message which makes its giver, who is God the best friend with whom a man can share life or death. Those of us who cannot serve in the armed forces must all do our best in other ways to help them. I'm sure we shall and there is one thing we can all do,

soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians, men, women and children, all together, which may be much more powerful than we know. And this is to pray.

I heard the other day of a Yorkshire village where after all the talk about a fifth column the people had agreed to form a sixth column, in which they pledged themselves to try and give a few minutes each day in God's house to prayer. We shall naturally ask God to take care of those we love and to bless the cause for which our country is at war. We can ask this with confidence because we know that we are trying to resist things that cannot be according to God's will.

But prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His will and do it with all our strength. If we can really do our work, whatever it is, as well as we can in God's sight, it will become His work, and we can safely leave the issue in His hands.

This, then, is the spirit in which we must march together in this crusade for Christianity.

We and our great dominions overseas stand, and shall continue to stand, four square against the forces of evil.

We shall go forward, seeing clearly both the splendor and the perils of the task, but strengthened by the faith, through which by God's help, as we try to do His service, we shall prevail.

Statement Made by The Reverend Roelif H. Brooks, Rector
of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York, April 27th, 1941:

"I am sure we all are moved by the heroic stand of the British people," "and sure all are moved to prayer for their success. All Christians who love justice and civilization and abhor injustice tremble when they realize what is at stake. Never before have right and wrong been so plainly pitted against each other.

"We do well, my friends, to lend aid to our friends across the sea. Lend aid as individuals as well as a nation. Each of us can do something to relieve anxiety and suffering of individuals in Britain."

Sir Willmott Lewis, Washington correspondent of the Times of London, then spoke. He said:

"In a very real sense every gift to Britain today is a message not alone of fellowship but of admiration. There is no quality to which the best in man and woman responds more surely than fortitude; and war in our time is a poignant reminder of the truth that nothing you can lose by dying is half so precious as the readiness to die, which is man's charter of nobility. These things, which have been said and said again by philosophers, come home to us today, finding their noble illustration not only on the battlefields, but in the homes of quiet folk. They have found their echo in the hearts of the American people."